

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending, with claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 being independent. Claims 26 and 28 have been amended for clarity. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 26 and 28 have been rejected under section 112, second paragraph. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendments to claims 26 and 28.

Claims 1-14 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0055384) in view of Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,466,292). With respect to claim 1 and its dependent claims, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Yamazaki, Kim, nor any combination of the two describes or suggests a light emitting device that includes first and second light emitting elements arranged over a substrate so as to emit light in front and back directions, as recited in claim 1.

The rejection indicates that Yamazaki describes first and second pixel portions including first and second light emitting elements in Figs. 22 and 24. However, these figures are directed to two different embodiments (embodiments 8 and 10), and Yamazaki provides no indication that the light emitting elements of those two embodiments would be provided in a single device over a common substrate, as recited in claim 1.

Recognizing that Yamazaki does not describe including the light emitting elements of Figs. 22 and 24 in a single device over a common substrate, the rejection turns to Kim as providing support for doing so. However, Kim describes a liquid crystal display device that does not include light emitting elements such as are recited in claim 1, and, accordingly, would have provided no guidance as to how to arrange light emitting elements such as those described by Yamazaki. While Kim indicates that the dual-sided liquid crystal display may be slim and lightweight, this in no way would have led one of ordinary skill in the art to arrange the light emitting elements of Yamazaki in a common device on a common substrate. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims should be withdrawn.

Similarly to claim 1, claim 8 recites a light emitting device in which light emitting elements arranged over a common substrate emit light in front and back directions. Accordingly,

the rejection of claim 8 and its dependent claims should be withdrawn for the reasons noted above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 15-28 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki and Kim in view of Yamanaka (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,309). Similarly to claim 1, each of independent claims 15 and 16 recites a light emitting device having first and second light emitting elements that emit light in opposite directions. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 and because Yamanaka does not remedy the failure of Yamazaki and Kim to describe or suggest this aspect of the claims.

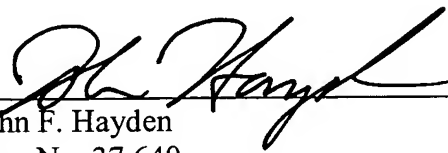
Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed to be due. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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